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## Nazareth Academy brings in speakers for Social Justice Week

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In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus read from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. On it was written: "He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind; to set free the oppressed..." (Luke 4:18).

This reading describes well the purpose of Nazareth Academy's celebration of Social Justice Week, held February 23-27. Throughout the week, every religious studies class attended special presentations made by members of the community on a variety of subjects, including the feminization of poverty, AIDS, disability, Central America, and nonviolence and peace making. The object of bringing this information to high school students was to help them understand vital issues of today, by acknowledging social sins,

helping others to become aware of them and joining together to correct them.

The theme of the first day's workshops was "The Feminization of Poverty." Guest speakers included Sister Eileen Conheady, director of More Options Really Exist (M.O.R.E.), a program of the Catholic Family Center. Sandra Tompken from the Rochester Area Children's Collaborative and Denise Young, a representative of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, also contributed to the program. Students came away feeling generally shocked by much of the information presented. Discussions included the condition of health care in the United States, as well as what the U. S. government is *not* doing in terms of human services.

The second day's program on AIDS was

one of the most interesting and beneficial overall. Sister Alice Robeson from AIDS Rochester showed a video giving essential information about the deadly disease. The video left students with a healthy fear of future sexual relationships and sparked many questions about dealing with AIDS victims.

A program about the "differently abled" was a new experience for many students. Participants in the presentation included Ann Parsons, Sherry Faw, Frank O'Donnell, Maureen Havens, Erma Baldwin and Pleasance Koegler. Students were surprised at how these men and women could make jokes about their "disabilities." It gave all of us something to think about, as each person related experiences of his or her life.

Students were given a glimpse of life and politics in Central America, when communi-

ty members shared their experiences in Central American countries. Donna Del-Santo, Sister Beatrice Ganley, Sister Kathleen Weider and Suzanne Wells all helped to make the presentation a success.

The final day of Social Justice Week brought together everything that the students had been exposed to over the course of the week. Sister Christine Wagner, Cyndi Sangre and Jack Spula all emphasized peace and nonviolence.

The week was aimed at making students aware of some of the critical issues concerning society today. After acknowledging that problems exist, we need to deal with them in a peaceful, nonviolent manner. All of us need to involve ourselves in working towards a better community — locally, nationally and worldwide.

**Equal Time** Cardinal Mooney High School  
What is the most challenging thing about being a teenager today?

**AMY QUINN, senior**  
The most challenging thing is the challenge to be yourself and stand up for what you believe. If teenagers did this, many of the problems that are attributed to them would be avoided. Accepting the challenge to do what is right would certainly make our generation a better one.

**MARYBETH PROGNO, senior**  
The most challenging thing for me as a teenager is to be my own leader. There are so many pressures put on us, and some kids won't take on the challenge to say "no" and not go along, and therefore may never know how good it can be to do the right thing.

**SUE BURGMASER, senior**  
I feel that the greatest challenge that I will be facing is going out on my own to college. I will be breaking away from my high school friends — starting over, meeting new people, accepting harsher responsibilities. I won't have my family with me for that security and support.

**LYNN WALSH, senior**  
What is the most challenging for a teenager is earning and handling responsibility. One struggles to be trusted as an adult. It's a difficult transition to finally handle responsibilities without abusing them.

**LYNNE DeFILIPPO, senior**  
The most challenging thing is being yourself, and most teenagers are just starting to find out who they are. There are pressures to be this way, to dress that way and talk another way. So trying to just be ourselves will take a lot of support from our friends and family to get us through it.

**DENA LoBIANDO, senior**  
The most challenging thing about being a teenager is trying to prove to adults that we can be trusted, are willing to learn to be independent and really do want to take on new responsibilities.

**Speaking Out**

By Michelle Bartholomy and Christine Schirmer  
Cardinal Mooney High School

Where should the morality of sex be taught? Who should teach it? For years, the schools have been teaching the mechanics of sex, which is good, but where does the morality come in? How does one know what is right and when it is right?

Sex should not be treated as an unspeakable subject. The curiosity of young adolescents will peak, and they will be on their way to discovering life alone. That's where the parents come in. Their obligation is to open the lines of communication and teach their children the morals of sexual education. Parents should create an environment in which children do not feel inhibited about discussing openly all aspects of sex. When parents decide to have children, they know that someday they will have to teach their children values; all values, including sexual values, should begin to be developed at an early age. If the parents wait too long, then their children can grow up very confused.

Perhaps there would not be such an epidemic of unwanted pregnancies if parents gave the proper information and instilled proper values in their children.

**Cardinal Mooney students forming business leaders' club**

Cardinal Mooney High School recently formed a Future Business Leaders of America Club. Newly elected officers are: Katie Dougherty, president; Alison Enright, vice president; Donna Hanley, secretary; Rob Eberts, treasurer; Andy Statt, reporter/historian; and Sharon Mitchell, parliamentarian.

Advisers are Judy Hunley, chairwoman of the business department, and Penny Sayles and Marilyn Zientara, members of the business department faculty.

The FBLA has already taken part in the operation of Mooney's bookstore, "The Store," and in a district business competition. Club members plan on more competitions in April and July.

**Mission Bazaar planned at Our Lady of Mercy High School**

"All of Us Can Do Something" is the theme of this year's Mission Bazaar at Our Lady of Mercy High School. Proceeds from the event will go to St. Joseph's House of Hospitality; the Mercy High School Scholarship Fund; the Basilian Fathers' mission in Texas; the Mercy mission in Santiago, Chile; the Jesuit mission in China; and the Rochester Interfaith Jail Ministry.

The annual event will begin with a spaghetti supper at 5 p.m. on Friday, March 27, followed by the bazaar at 6:30 p.m. Call (716)288-7120 for information.

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**HOUSE OF GUITARS**  
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We received 15 correct entries identifying Blondie as the recording artist of the #1 hit, "Heart of Glass."

The winner was **Bernardo Leone** of Seneca Falls

**MUSIC TRIVIA**

**This week's question:**  
From what 1965, song are the following lyrics from: "When I'm watching my TV and a man comes on to tell me how white my shirts can be."

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If yours is the winning entry, you will be mailed a coupon for a free album or tape of your choice redeemable at the House of Guitars, 645 Titus Ave.

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